

# AMERICAN NOTE TO CHINA NOT WELCOMED BY JAPAN

Newspapers Declare Action of United States Is Glaring Interference.

WARNS NATION OF FUTURE

Feeling Expressed in Official Circles That Situation Would Have Been Better Treated by First Exchanging Views With Entente.

[By Associated Press.]

TOKYO, Saturday, June 9 (delayed).—The American government's note to China, expressing regret over the dissensions in that country and a sincere desire that tranquility and political co-ordination be forthwith established, caused surprise and unfavorable criticism in Japan, where the action is regarded as ignoring Japan's special position in China.

The feeling as expressed in official circles is that the situation would have been better treated by first exchanging views with the entente, and especially Japan, which is described as rigidly adhering to a policy of noninterference in Chinese domestic affairs.

The newspapers call the action of the United States glaring interference, and warn the government that it is probably an epoch-making precursor of further actions.

Officials here expressed the opinion that the Chinese situation will be settled by a compromise.

A dispatch from Peking on June 7 said Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the American minister, had that day delivered to the Chinese Foreign Office a communication from Washington regarding the dissensions in China and expressing the desire that tranquility be established. The note said that the entry of China into the war or China's continuance of the status quo with Germany were matters of secondary importance, and that China's principal necessity was to resume and continue her political entity and proceed along the road to national development. The note added that the United States had only the friendliest interest in the Chinese government and its personnel, and desired only to be of service to China.

"America expresses the sincere hope," said the note, "that factional and political disputes will be set aside, and that all parties and persons will work to re-establish and co-ordinate the government and secure China's position among nations, which is impossible while there is internal discord."

**DUE TO MISREPRESENTATION**

OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Unfavorable criticism in Japan of the American note to China was based upon a distorted version of the document appearing in the Tokyo Asahi, a leading newspaper of the Japanese capital, and purporting to have been cabled from New York.

As the United States had not communicated the official text to the Tokyo Foreign Office, this version, apparently intentionally misquoted to convey the impression that the American government was seeking to interfere unduly in China's internal affairs, was commented on as genuine.

The situation was brought to the attention of the State Department several days ago, and steps were taken at once to see that the text of the note as given out in Peking was published in Japan. It is not known here how this was received.

Officials cannot account for the publication in the Asahi. It is suggested that probably there was no cablegram from New York, and that the matter appearing under a New York date was sent from China, or actually written in Tokyo. This is not the first case of misrepresentation of the government's foreign policy in an apparent effort to cause trouble.

## MAY ASK ASSURANCE TO PREVENT REPETITION

[By Associated Press.]

TOKYO, June 13.—The alleged failure of the United States to consult Japan before presenting its note to China continues the subject of much discussion in the newspapers. The semi-official Times says:

"The Foreign Office officials must obtain from the United States an assurance that it will not repeat its action in interfering in the domestic affairs of China, completely ignoring the existing and potential position of Japan. The newspaper adds that negotiations with the United States already have been begun, and affirms that the Cabinet has discussed the situation at length on the ground that it gravely concerns the future of the empire."

Among other statements made at the Foreign Office, says the Times, was one that Japan was ready to make a frank declaration of its policy, and that national existence compels her jealousy to guard her special position in China. The action of the United States, it was added, was without ulterior motives, and only over-hasty, but it touched vital questions as to Japan's future. The American position with regard to Mexico was a parallel case, but it was doubtful if the United States would countenance Japanese interference there.

"Japan, in the past," says the Times, "has been too reserved toward America. Japan should seek America's recognition of Japan's special position in China in order to prevent future misunderstandings."

## BLUEFIELD'S MAYOR KILLED

Young Woman, Charged With Shooting, Declares He Was Attacked.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., June 13.—Mayor E. E. Carter, of Bluefield, was shot and probably fatally wounded here to-night. Miss Bessie Young was arrested, charged with the shooting.

Miss Young, according to Prosecuting Attorney Lee, confessed to the shooting, justifying her action on the ground that Carter was beating her mother, Mrs. Mildred Young. Mrs. Young is held, charged with complicity.

Miss Young declared, according to the prosecuting attorney, that Carter, who was calling upon her mother, would not cease his attack when commanded to do so, and fired on him with a revolver.

Mayor Carter is married and has several children.

## PHILADELPHIA, June 13.—Benjamin N. Duke, the tobacco manufacturer, is in a sanatorium in this city, and is said to be seriously ill. Mr. Duke came here from Durham, N. C., a month ago, apparently suffering from a nervous breakdown. Since then a more deep-seated illness is said to have developed.

# To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

John Marshall High School commencement exercises, City Auditorium, 8:15.

Council Committee on Dock, River and Harbor, City Hall, 8.

Stuart Circle Hospital Training School for Nurses commencement exercises, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8.

Regular meeting, Equal Suffrage Headquarters, Commercial Building, North Second Street, 8.

Baseball, Richmond vs. Baltimore, double-header, Boulevard Field, first game, 2:15.

Academy of Music—Comic Opera Players, in "The Gingerbread Man," 8 o'clock.

Lytic—"Vanity Fair," tabloid musical comedy, 8, 7:30 and 9.

# The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau)

**RAIN**

Forecast: Virginia—Probably showers and thunderstorms Thursday, cooler by 10 to 15 degrees Friday fair and cooler.

North Carolina—Local thunderstorms Thursday, Friday fair with somewhat lower temperature.

**Local Temperature.**

12 noon temperature, 82

3 P. M. temperature, 87

Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 88

Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 68

Mean temperature, 78

Normal temperature for this date, 75

Excess in temperature, 3

Deficiency in temperature, 3

March 1, 1917, 169

Accumulated deficiency since January 1, 145

**Local Rainfall.**

Rainfall, 24 hours ending 8 P. M., None

Excess in rainfall since March 1, 4.02

Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 3.14

**Local Barometer Readings.**

Barometer (reduced to sea level), 30.25

A. M., 30.25

P. M., 30.11

**Local Observations at 8 P. M.**

Temperature, 78; humidity, 75; wind, direction, southeast; wind, velocity, 10; state of weather, clear.

Place.	8 P. M.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Asheville	75	85	65	Clear
Atlanta	80	92	70	P. cloudy
Atlantic City	82	90	60	Cloudy
Boston	68	74	52	Cloudy
Buffalo	76	78	66	Cloudy
Calgary	64	68	36	Clear
Charleston	84	86	66	Clear
Chicago	66	72	66	Clear
Denver	68	68	42	Clear
Duluth	48	64	34	P. cloudy
Galveston	82	84	78	Clear
Hatteras	76	84	72	Clear
Havre	68	78	44	Clear
Jacksonville	84	84	64	Cloudy
Kansas City	72	74	58	Clear
Louisville	82	88	68	Cloudy
Montgomery	78	86	66	Clear
New Orleans	76	80	76	Rain
New York	66	68	58	Cloudy
Norfolk	78	88	68	Clear
Oklahoma	76	80	64	Clear
Pittsburgh	82	86	62	Clear
Raleigh	80	88	68	Clear
St. Louis	68	84	72	Clear
St. Paul	60	68	54	Cloudy
San Francisco	60	74	58	Clear
Savannah	78	88	68	Clear
Spokane	78	78	46	P. cloudy
Tampa	80	80	70	P. cloudy
Washington	68	68	68	Clear
Winnipeg	42	46	38	Cloudy
Wytheville	76	86	58	P. cloudy

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

June 14, 1917.

High Tide, 12:10

Low Tide, 12:10

Sun rises, 4:49

Sun sets, 7:30

Morning, 12:10

Evening, 12:10

## BILLY SUNDAY IN BOWERY

Brings Sobbs and Tears From 300 Assorted Types of Men in Rescue Home.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Into the Bowery, the haunt of human derelicts, Billy Sunday went and conquered to-night.

Preaching as a man inspired, Sunday brought sobbs and tears from the 300 assorted types of men at the old Hadley rescue home. He was tired and limp from his address at the tabernacle, and wearied by the long automobile ride to the Bowery, but he was full of vigor when he faced the eager ones who heard him.

"You're a pretty classy bunch," he said. "Years ago I worked the Bowery, and I found a good deal more rough-neck drunks than there are here now. You think John Barleycorn's friendship pays? Ask those who have gone the pace. Ask the guy up there in Sing Sing with his eyes on the little green door at the death-house tier. He'll tell you. No."

And then he called for trail-hitters. They came with a rush, toppling over camp chairs and pushing by ushers in their haste. Billy shook hands with all.

John D. Rockefeller delivered the invocation at the tabernacle to-night. He prayed for nearly ten minutes.

## OLDER MEN IN NEXT CAMPS

War Department Wants Those Qualified to Be Captains, Majors and Lieutenant-Colonels.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Every effort is being made by the War Department to induce men of mature years to turn out for the second series of officers' training camps, to be opened August 26. Men with qualifications to become captains, majors and lieutenant-colonels in the army are needed, and the camps will be conducted with this object in mind.

Present camps are expected to furnish all necessary junior officers.

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# HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN SUGAR REFINING PLANT

Estimates Run From 25 to 100 of Casualties in Fire on Brooklyn Water Front.

## CAUSED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Two Eleven-Story Buildings Entirely Destroyed—Police Reserves Called Out to Quiet Scores of Hysterical Women Who Rush to Scene.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Heavy loss of life is believed to have occurred in an explosion and resultant fire in the big Williamsburg plant of the American Sugar Refining Company.

At 1:15 o'clock this morning the estimates of the dead run from twenty-five to 100. Two eleven-story buildings had been entirely destroyed. The fire resulted from an explosion of a boiler in one of the buildings.

Fifty men were reported trapped on the seventh floor of one of the buildings. Officials of the company stated the men escaped. Other persons declared that not one of them got out safely.

The panic among the women whose husbands and sons were working in the plant became so great that the entire home guard of Brooklyn was called out to preserve order.

The plant covers the entire section between South Third and Fourth Streets and Kent Avenue and the river front, Brooklyn. The explosion shook the entire Williamsburg section. The whole plant is afire, and will probably be totally destroyed. Flames shot up hundreds of feet in the air. Five hundred workmen were in the buildings at the time.

Some of the injured were found running in the streets, suffering severely from burns. Many of them had their clothing burned off.

Four alarms of fire were turned in. Fire apparatus from Manhattan was sent to the scene to assist the Brooklyn firemen. Fire boats are playing streams of water on the burning plant.

Calls for ambulances were sent to all hospitals in the neighborhood. All physicians and nurses who could be summoned were on their way to the plant a few minutes after the first alarm.

Fire quickly followed the explosion. The plant was working at full blast in the night shift.

It was reported that the roof of one of the buildings comprising the plant had been blown off. It is feared many workmen were buried under the falling masonry.

Five vessels were at the pier unloading sugar at the time.

Police reserves were called out to quiet the scores of hysterical women who rushed to the plant when the explosion occurred. All had husbands or sons working in the plant. They wanted to rush past the firemen and police, but were prevented.

## SILVER AND LEAD SUPPLIES

Likely to Follow Spot Copper, of Which Market Has Been Swept Bare by War.

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—War demands, which long ago virtually swept the market bare of spot copper, are rapidly diminishing the market supplies of silver and lead. Bar silver to-day rose to 71 cents an ounce, an advance of 2 1-8 cents over the price of the early part of the month, and within 2 cents of the extreme price of last February. Quotations for lead varied, some producers asking 12 1-2 cents a pound, the highest price for thirty years, although 11 cents was quoted by the more extensive dealers.

The entrance of this country into the war has given additional impetus to the inquiry for all the base metals. It is said in trade circles, but lead has been among the last to feel the effect of this stimulus.

Demand for silver has become more acute because various foreign countries which previously contributed their quota of the metal to the European markets are no longer operating their mines. Increased supplies of silver have recently come out of the Mexican mines, but the demand for the metal for war purposes is still in excess of supply.

**Richmond Boy Honored.**

Beverly B. Munford, Jr., a graduate of the Chamberlayne School for Boys, has just graduated with high honors from the Hill School, at Pottstown, Pa. Having won three silver cups for public speaking, he was awarded a gold medal for finishing this course. This young and well-known Richmond boy has taken an active part in the military training work at the Hill School.

# Failing to Register Costs Prison Term

New York School Teacher Sentenced to Eleven Months and 29 Days.

## [By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—A penitentiary sentence of eleven months and twenty-nine days for not registering under the selective draft law was imposed by Federal Judge Chatfield, in Brooklyn to-day on Herman P. Levine, school teacher and college graduate.

This is the first prison sentence imposed for this offense as far as known here. He had pleaded guilty.

When arraigned, Levine was given another opportunity to register.

"I do not think it is right, and I refuse to do so," he said.

Levine walked into the United States Marshal's office on the day after registration day, and volunteered the information that he had not responded as required, and saying he did not intend to do so. He is twenty-three years old.

The sentencing of Levine to one day less than a year cuts off all allowances for good behavior and other leniencies which under the law apply to sentences of a year or more.

## SENTENCED FOR HIS PART IN ANTI-RAFT CONSPIRACY

[By Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, June 13.—Louis Kramer, self-confessed anarchist, was to-day sentenced to two years in Atlanta prison and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000 for conspiracy to distribute anti-conscription literature. He also received a year in jail for failing to register. He was convicted of the first crime yesterday, and the second to-day, the latter trial lasting a little over two hours.

## NEGRO WHO FAILED TO REGISTER KILLED

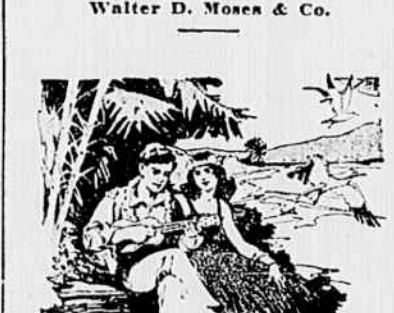
[By Associated Press.]

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 13.—An unidentified negro who was unable to show a registration card was shot and killed here this afternoon when he attempted to grab a pistol from Patrolman Gustav, who made the arrest. After grabbing for the revolver the negro started to run away, when the policeman fired one shot, dropping the negro in his tracks.

## SOME WIVES DESIRE THAT HUSBANDS BE CONSCRIPTED

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Among the thousands of letters reaching the provost-marshal-general's office these days from wives, mothers and sweethearts asking exemption for their men, officials were amused to-day to find several from wives recommending that their husbands be conscripted. One woman said her husband didn't want to go to war, but had no good reason for not going, and "tipped" the War Department that it would be just as well to make a soldier of him.

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## ILLINOIS COMPLETES QUOTA

Eighth State to Fill Regular Army Complement Since April 1.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Illinois completed its quota of war volunteers for the regular army to-day, the eighth State to fill its complement since April 1. At the close of recruiting yesterday, Illinois had furnished 11,226 on a quota of 11,276, and the average daily recruiting in the State is well above 100 men. A total of 1,391 men volunteered throughout the country yesterday for the regular service, New York furnishing 255 and Pennsylvania 191. A total of 114,044 volunteers has been accepted since April 1, which means that almost half a million men have applied for service during that time, as acceptances ranged between one in four and one in five.

## Enrollment of 7,776,434.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Thirty-nine States and the District of Columbia had reported their war registration returns to-night, when the provost-marshal-general's office closed, showing an enrollment of 7,776,434, or more than 92 per cent of the census estimate of 8,413,852 eligibles.

# American Mission Reaches Petrograd

About Same Time Russian Mission to United States Lands at Pacific Port.

## [By Associated Press.]

PETROGRAD, June 13 (via London).—The American mission, headed by Elihu Root, has arrived here.

## RUSSIAN MISSION ARRIVES SAFELY AT PACIFIC PORT

## [By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Russia's mission to the United States, consisting of forty members, has arrived safely at a Pacific port, after an uneventful voyage. Boris A. Bakmeteff, special ambassador to the United States, heads the mission.

After a stop at Seattle, the mission will proceed at once to Washington. Breckinridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State, will join it at Chicago as the representative of President Wilson and the Department of State, and courtesies similar to those extended other missions will be offered.

## Graves Wins Commission.

G. A. Graves, of Charlottesville, Va., recently an instructor at the Chamberlayne School for Boys, has successfully passed the examination for appointment as a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

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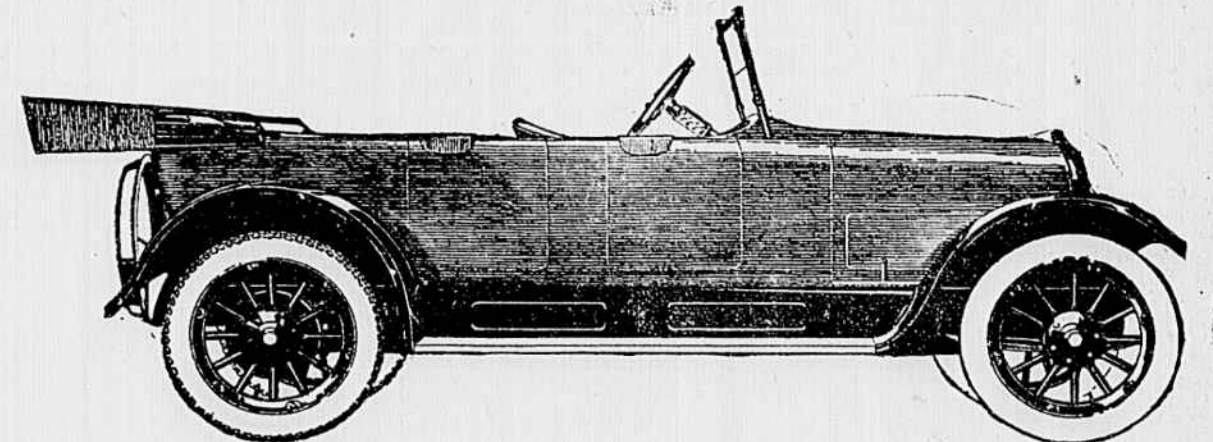
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